



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2059 **Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 9, 2003

H.R. 2059 would designate the Fort Bayard Historic District in New Mexico as the Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark. The bill would authorize the Department of the Interior to execute cooperative agreements with nonfederal entities and to provide technical and financial assistance to such entities for historic preservation and interpretive activities. For those purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary.

The cost of providing technical and financial assistance under H.R. 2059 is uncertain because the National Park Service (NPS) has not conducted any evaluation of the landmark's resources. Based on preliminary information available from the NPS at this time and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that such assistance would cost about \$100,000 over the next three to four years.

H.R. 2059 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On February 7, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 214, the Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 5, 2003. S. 214 and H.R. 2059 are very similar, and the estimated costs of the two versions of the legislation are identical.

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